

THE OLD GENERAL.

A Brief History of a Well-Known Colored Sedalian.

Once a Slave and Came to Missouri the Year the Stars Fell.

Sedalia has a cute old negro, who is known to everybody as the "General," but whose right name is Anderson Powell. He acquired this appellation of General, from the fact that he was wont to successfully mimic the voice and action of the late General George R. Smith, perfectly. No person could tell which was talking, their tones and voice being so nearly alike, unless they had the advantage of seeing, and old Anderson can repeat to this day, the early speeches of General Smith, on the Pacific railroad question, giving every gesture, motion and peculiar twang. He is a little loth about doing this since the death of his old friend, but he has not forgotten how by any means.

A BAZOO reporter, thinking some of the events of the early life of the old General might be of interest to the general reader, accosted the old fellow with the question, "General what year did you come to Missouri in?"

Gen.—"Boss, do you remember

THE YEAR THE STARS FELL?"

Reporter.—"No, General, they got the drop on me, but I am told it was in 1836."

Gen.—"Well, that's the year I kum to Missouri in."

The General, being told what was wanted from him, went on to state that he was born a slave in Tennessee, and was the property of Lucas Powell, the grandfather of Wm. L. Powell, of this country, but was brought to this county when he was 13 years old, by Judge Thos. Joplin, who received him as a marriage right.

There was but little farming done here then, and even this was confined to the timber land and bottoms. The prairies were never touched by a plow—but used for grazing purposes. All kinds of game abounded, and it was almost impossible to raise sheep on account of the wolves, which would enter the yard adjoining the houses.

THE DEER RAN IN DROVES, and could be seen at any time, and were very tame. Everybody then lived on wild meat, and, although there were a few hogs, they were never killed, unless they went wild in the woods, which was not an uncommon thing.

There were no runaway slaves in that early day, they being generally treated well. The prominent men of the county at that time were Mr. Reuben Gentry, Gen. Thompson, Amos Fristoe, Dr. Faris, Quisenberry, Watson and Clifton Wood, and Wasson, all of whom are now dead, but have sons yet living in the county, and regarded as our best citizens. Pinhook was the county seat, where C. & W. Wood kept a store and Old Tommy Wasson ran a water mill and blacksmith shop. It was regarded then as a big place, particularly with the negroes. A shooting match was held regularly there every Saturday, which was a big attraction.

THERE WAS ONE CHURCH then in the county. It was of the Baptist denomination and stood on the old O'Bannon place. The negroes were allowed to go to church with their masters. Another prominent place in that day was Miller's camp ground, where the Methodists would hold a camp meeting at least once a year, would go into camp and hold services for two or three weeks at a time.

In answer to a question if there were any

INDIANS HERE THEN, the General said "yes sah, now and then a drove would go through, and the abominable scoundrels would tear down fences and go right through fields, if their old trails happened to run through them, for they would never leave their old trails, but they never did any other devilment."

Rep.—"Was there any stealing then?"

Gen.—"No, sah; everybody was honest, and if anybody did take anything, the people would just raise and take the spots out'n him."

The county was then inhabited by Kentuckians and Tennesseans. In 1843 considerable emigration began to set in, and the county rapidly improved. A good field hand was then worth \$1,000 to \$1,500, and were in demand.

As the General's history was growing a little dull, we asked him if he had had any adventures during the war. He said yes, "when Todd's men kum h'yer I had an orful time, sah; was working for Mr. Wm. Wear, of Otterville, cleaning up the store, and siah, and when I got up in de mornin' I saw a big smoke out toward the

Lamine, and I told dem white folks something

WAS GWINE TO HAPPEN.

I watched around and found out the bushwhackers were near town. I went to Mr. Wear and told him he had better clear out, they didn't love him much no how, and I got some of the other white folks skeered, and it was a good thing I did, for they hadn't more than got their money and valuables out before the bushwhackers kum in. I started off slow at first, making out as though I didn't fear, but when I looked behind and saw 'em in town knocking niggers and shooting 'em, I just got up and dusted out'n thar. I run into a lot of horses that had been hid out and I thought they were bushwhackers and said a great long prar before I found they had no riders. I tell you Boss, I thought every minute would be my next, and I tried to call the cows, expecting to run into the rebs every minute, and I couldn't holler sook to save my life, and I tried to whistle to make out that I wasn't afraid, but dis h'yer nigger couldn't get no pucker on."

This was the trip upon which Todd committed so many murders, some of them were of his own people.

The history of the general for the last few years has been of no especial interest. In the summer he makes a respectable living by kalsomining, and, although he is fast nearing the time when he will follow his long dead masters, he is still hale and for the most part active and hearty. He has a fund of anecdotes and information, at hand and is looked up to with considerable respect by his colored brethren, and all in all, the "general" is a character worthy of attention.

"A LITTLE NONSENSE."

—Colorado will not allow women to act as notaries. They think out there that it is improper to swear before a lady.—*Omaha Herald.*

—No matter how good-natured a young lady may be her gentlemen friends can look for a tie-raid when she determines to make a silk quilt.

—"Man proposes, but"—Upon thinking it over we don't believe he proposes half so often as the girls would like him to.—*Cincinnati Gazette.*

—His Card: Servant girl (to mistress).

—"There's a gentleman at the door."

Mistress—"Did he give you his name?"

"No, he gave me a kiss." "Oh, that's my brother Tom. Let him in."—*Troy Times.*

—A Montpelier (Vt.) girl stepped up to the post-office delivery window and began flirting with the clerk when the postmaster came out with the suggestion that it was not lawful to trifle with the males.

—Quite Another Thing.—Young Lady (to book-store clerk with his neck tied up)—Have you got the Newport Aquarelle? Clerk (reassuringly)—Oh, no, Miss; it's nothing but a common ball.—*Harvard Lampoon.*

—The Best Thing.—

"Now, what is the best thing about me—

Wherein is my admirableness?"

Then he said, as he placed

His arm round her waist—

"The best thing about you"—*My arm.*

—*Tid-Bite.*

—Sitter (in position for photograph)—By the way, what do you charge for photographs? Photographer—Nine dollars the half dozen. Now let your eyes rest naturally on that sign, "Terms Cash," and look pleasant.—*N. Y. Sun.*

—Railroad employee—I'm sorry, mam, to inform you that the last train has just departed and that you are left. Elderly maiden—Don't worry; I guess I know what being "left" means. I haven't lived all these years for nothing.

—Mrs. Jollyboy—Where on earth have you been? Mr. J.—I can't tell a lie; I've been at m' offish. Mrs. J.—That's where we differ, I can tell a lie—when I hear one! [Cruel silence, during which something is heard to drop.]

—Hello, Richelieu! You don't call on Miss Dilby any more—something up? "Yes, Arthur; I confess it there is! Why, don't you know, I staid a little late the other night, and dash me if she didn't get up and wind the clock!"

—My daughter was troubled with Heart Disease for five years, given up by physicians, had sinking spells, constant pain, great swelling over her heart extending to left arm, and severe spells of neuralgia, extending over entire body, doctors could not help her. Dr. Graves' Heart Regulator cured her within three months.—Jas. Tilton, Concord, N. H. \$1 per bottle at druggists.

Small-Pox Epidemic.

Nogales, A. T., May 21.—For some time there has been an epidemic of small-pox here, but the cases were mostly confined to Mexicans. At a meeting of the citizens last night a health committee was appointed, and to-day the committee took all the patients out of town and asked the authorities on the Mexican side to do likewise, which they did. The patients are all children, and the disease is very light here.

We Think We See Them Doing It.

The best way for women to get mustaches off their upper lips is to get themselves to a nunnery and lock the door.

VACATION DRAWS NEAR.

Some of the Doings of the Sedalia Boys and Girls the Coming Week.

The board of directors of the Sedalia schools had a meeting Friday evening, at which, among other things, arrangements were made for the commencement exercises of the high and the Lincoln schools. The following graduates of the high school were granted diplomas:

Bessie Bowman Daniel, Phebe May Hawkins, Hart E. Harris, James Houston Looney, Floy Edna Jackson, Clara Louise Stryker, James William Highleyman, Albert Leon Gardner, Mary Gertrude Rochford, Laura Alice Shock, H. Howard Bronson, Richard Morey, Mary E. Henry, Anna Elizabeth Ewart.

The graduates of the Lincoln (colored) school were also granted certificates of the completion of their course. They are: Lelia A. Alexander, Anna E. Shipley, Susie G. Holbert, Anna E. Dixon, Florence E. Young. The commencement exercises of these graduates will be had Wednesday evening at the African Methodist church, on Jefferson avenue.

The commencement exercises of the high school graduating class will be held next Friday evening, at Wood's opera house. The programme embraces vocal and instrumental musical selections, an invocation by Dr. Edmonson, salutatory by Albert Gardner, essay by Bessie Daniel, recitation by Mary Rochford, oration by Richard Morey, essay by Anna Ewart, class poem by Clara Stryker, oration by James Looney, declamation by Earl Bronson, essay by M. Bessie Henry, advisory address by Hart Harris, recitation by Laura Shock, class history by Floy Jackson, and the valedictory by William Highleyman.

The diplomas will be presented by Mr. John N. Dalby, president of the school board, and the exercises will close with a parting song.

Tickets of admission to the commencement will be sold at fifteen cents each, and each graduate will be allowed eight tickets to be used as complimentary cards.

Commencing to-morrow evening a public exhibit of the work of the public schools will be made at some central place to be selected, to continue four days. The place and other particulars will be announced.

Missouri Patents.

List of patents granted to the citizens of Missouri for the week ending Saturday, May 21st, as furnished from the office of E. C. Seward, solicitor of patents and counsellor in patent causes, 914 F street Washington, D. C.

T. J. Christy, St. Louis, washing machine.

A. G. Conway, Kansas City, toaster or broiler for gasoline stoves.

B. F. Crow, St. Louis, car brake.

I. T. Hardy, St. Louis, machine for dressing tobacco.

L. W. Keavell, jr., and R. E. L. Leavell, Kearney, machine for gathering grain and seed.

D. H. McCarty, St. Louis, compression grease cup.

C. Meyer and W. Illig, St. Louis, branding apparatus.

F. Meyroese, St. Louis, lantern.

A. G. Minges, St. Louis, Stock car.

P. H. More, Kirksville, flood fence.

E. C. Sooy, Kansas City, baling press.

O. A. Stempel, St. Louis, apparatus for generating steam and heating rooms.

A. J. Walker, Sheldon, parallel ruler for sign writers.

C. Whiteman, St. Louis, baling press.

C. Schraubstadter, jr., St. Louis, font of printing type.

L. M. Rumsey Mfg. Co. St. Louis, cane and sorgo mills, trade-mark.

When You Catch Cold.

Benson's Caprine Plasters quickly drive away pains and aches resulting from colds. Try them. 25c.

A Bond Broker in Limbo.

New York, May 21.—A. Falck & Co., in an interview to-day, regarding the arrest of Lewis Herzog, at Chicago, on suspicion of perpetrating frauds, by selling alleged European bonds and securities of the Tennessee land improvement and manufacturing company, said that Herzog was employed by them as traveling agent. They knew nothing about any Tennessee land improvement securities. Herzog was employed to sell certain foreign bonds on the installment plan, and when paid up, the bonds were sent to the buyer. All that Herzog was authorized to do, was to issue certificates of purchase. He telegraphed to Falck & Co. to-day for bail, and the firm said they were willing to go his bail if the charge was confined to the bonds alone. Mr. E. H. Huerner, banker, 65 Wall street, Herzog's former employer, said that he had been in his service a year in a similar capacity, and that he had always found him trustworthy.

Probate Court.

Warren P. Haley, guardian and curator of Hawson M. Haley, minor, makes second annual settlement. Balance due Ward, \$261.25.

C. R. Gorrell, guardian etc. of E. D. and Eva Cummings, makes first annual settlement. Balance due E. D., \$33.70; Eva, \$48.70.

Revocation of letters in estate of James Francis, deceased, W. K. Taylor, administrator; continued to May 27th.

Inventory of estate of Ernest D. and Eva Cummings, minors, filed by guardian and curator, Clay R. Gorrell, and approved.

Last will and testament of Chas. F. Schmidt admitted to probate. Frank H. Schmidt and Louis H. Yunder being attesting witnesses.

A. P. Morey, administrator of Gerald Hassett, deceased, files receipt of State Treasurer of distributive shares of John, Ellen and Michael McQuilty, distributees of said estate, according to order of probate court made at the February term. Administrator ordered discharged.

L. H. Durley, guardian and curator of J. W. and W. W. Gregory, minors, makes 11th annual settlement. Balance due each ward, \$558.08.

John H. Divers, administrator of John W. Allen's estate "makes first annual settlement. Balance due estate \$9,906.52.

Henry A. Longan, administrator of Longan & Smith, makes first annual settlement. Balance due partnership estate, \$2,220.90. Administrator ordered to pay \$900 to J. D. Smith, distributee of the individual estate of —Smith, deceased, there being no individual administrator, he holding a power of attorney from all other heirs (who are adults) to receive the same.

W. H. Evans vs. J. M. Carr, executor of estate of Burwell C. Porter; plaintiff allowed judgment for \$90 and costs and six per cent.

McLaughlin Bros. vs. same; judgment for plaintiffs for \$52.50 and interest.

A. V. Small vs. same; same entry for \$15.

W. H. Evans vs. Chris Hye, administrator of James E. Poulson & Co., estate; judgment for plaintiff for \$10, costs and interest.

J. G. Beck, vs. same; same entry for \$91.05.

J. P. Fullerton vs. same; same entry for \$1.90.

McLaughlin Bros. vs. James E. Poulson's administrator; same entry for \$74.50.

A. P. Espenschied vs. same; same entry for \$6.90.

Same vs. same; same entry for \$18.25.

Ed. N. Small vs. same; same entry for \$10.

M. M. McKeen & Co. vs. same; same entry for \$214.19.

Chas. Gebhardt vs. same; same entry for \$220.10.

Administration reopened in estate of J. P. Maurer, deceased, Wm. Vinson, administrator.

Same estate, administrator ordered to publish notice of application for sale of real estate to pay debts.

John Montgomery, Jr., curator of O'Brien miners, ordered to insert \$1,000 of wards' money in purchase of a home for them.

Will of A. H. Randall admitted to probate.

Rosa Poulson, widow of James E. Poulson allowed \$400 out of estate of deceased.

Letters testamentary granted Caroline Schmidt, on estate of Chas. F. Schmidt.

L. Hopkins vs. J. H. Divers, administrator of J. W. Allen, deceased; claim of \$2,000 allowed plaintiff, with costs.

Property of Jos. C. Marsh estate turned over to widow, Catherine Marsh, without administration.

Transfers of Realty.

Crispy Douglass and Newton J., her husband, to John Baker, lots 1, 2 and 3, block 12, Campbell's addition to Sedalia, \$1,000.

Charles W. McAninch and Leonora, his wife, and J. F. McAninch, to John McCurdy, northeast quarter of southwest quarter of section 5-46-21, \$1,000.

Licensed to Wed.

The recorder yesterday granted a marriage license to W. L. Weller, aged 23, and Annie Heusted, aged 16, both residents of the southwestern part of Pettis county, near the line of Johnson county. The young man applied for a license Friday, but was denied it until the consent of the mother of the young lady was obtained. Weller went back home, and secured the sanction of Annie's mother, all properly sworn to and so forth, and departed yesterday the happiest victim of cupid that has been in the court house for several weeks.

The McNulty Injunction.

The arguments on law points involved in the McNulty injunction suit against the city were not finished Friday in the circuit court when that tribunal adjourned. They will be resumed to-morrow.

WILL ALLEN.

The "Kid" of Salvation Army Fame, Gets a License to Marry.

Mr. Will Allen, better known as "The Kid," will not soon be forgotten by Sedalians who frequented the Salvation Army meetings from November last to March, for the "Kid" worked with a zeal and ambition commendable in any one. He beat the big drum until his face was wont to grow scarlet—as he hammered it in his cause and to call sinners together. He did not beat the drum without rich results, for he "called" little Miss Bertha Tussey, daughter of William Tussey, who resides at 1222 East Fifth street from a life of ordinary events to one which was supposed to be wholly devoted to the cause of Christ.

The "Kid" was badly smitten with the charms and prayers of the little convert, and while he prayed for blessings to be showered upon all mankind, he mentally asked the Great Ruler of the universe to bestow a large share of this world's choicest comforts upon little Bertha.

In short, the "Kid" wooed and won the new convert and proposed marriage, which was accepted.

"Happy Adam," who was in command of the Salvation forces here, forbade the bans of the loving couple until they had been in the army two years, which is one of the articles of faith that rules the Salvation Army.

Upon this dread fiat the "Kid" and his affianced both left the army. He retreated to Kansas City to work at gas fitting, and where his father is superintendent of the gas works, and "Salvation Bertha" returned home to prepare for the wedding.

A few days ago the "Kid" arrived in this city and yesterday he procured license to marry Miss Tussey. To-day at 10:30 a. m. at the residence of Wm. Tussey at 1222 East Fifth street, by Rev. Whipple, the "Kid" and Miss Bertha Tussey will be married. This evening they will leave for Kansas City where William Allen will be a gas fitter and render the usual plumbers bills that will paralyze the world and enrich the "Kid and his bride, whom he caught with a Salvation Army bass drum and eloquently worded prayers.

The BAZOO congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Allen in advance. May heaven's choicest blessings rain upon them and may they and theirs be looked upon as of the chosen few who shall have continued happiness and unadulterated bliss.

THE FOOD PROBLEM.

What It Costs In the Queen City For a Diet of Herbs and Such.

The housekeeper yesterday found several little changes in the prices of vegetables and fruits. The variety is larger, now, because of the quality of home-grown productions brought in from the surrounding country. The retail prices of garden truck and so forth in yesterday's market, are subjoined:

New potatoes are worth seven dollars a barrel in St. Louis, and sell here for 80 cents a peck. There were not in Sedalia, yesterday, 25 bushels of these palatable tubers. Old potatoes are quoted at \$1.40 a bushel.

Southern cabbages are arriving from St. Louis in bad order. Good cabbage is scarce and high, and selling at from 6 to 8 cents per pound.

Southern beans are 50 cents a gallon. Cucumbers retail at ten cents apiece, or 3 for a quarter; too high for poor folks to introduce cholera with. Bermuda tomatoes are 40 cents a dozen, and onions from the same islands in the ocean are worth 50 cents a peck. Cauliflower is quoted at 25 to 40 cents a head. Soup bunches, 10 cents.

In the way of home-grown stuff, the following prices ruled yesterday:

Turnips, 5 cents a bunch, or six for a quarter. New beets, two bunches for 15 cents. Radishes, and onions, two bunches of each for a nickel. Peas, 25 cents a gallon. Strawberries, 15 cents a quart box or two boxes for 25 cents. Gooseberries the same. Pie-plant, same as onions and radishes. Choice head lettuce, 5 cents; asparagus, same figures as rhubarb.

Spring chickens, 15 to 25 cents apiece, according to size. Old hens, a quarter apiece.

River fish, ten cents a pound; lake fish, fifteen cents a pound. Eggs, 10 cents a dozen, or three dozen for a quarter. Honduras and Aspinwall bananas range from 25 to 50 cents a dozen.

All Kinds

of dying and cleaning done at 107 East Second street. Cleaning silks, laces and lace curtains and gent's light hats a specialty.

STARTED FOR KANSAS.

A Horsethief With a Lot of Watches.

This morning's Texas express on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway, had as passengers, Deputy Sheriff Joell Cochrane, of Johnson county, Kansas, Edward Moll, a livery man of Olathe, and a dundish young German, calling himself F. B. Rowe, who is wanted in Olathe, on the very serious charge of horse stealing. Wednesday morning Rowe called at Moll's stable, and hired a \$400 rig to go out in the country a short distance and return in an hour or two. Rowe was well dressed and talked rather broken, and Mr. Moll, on the last account, had no suspicion that anything would be wrong. Rowe did not return, as agreed upon, and Moll secured the services of Deputy-Sheriff Cochrane.

Their man was heard of until Belton, in Cass county, Mo., a little town about twenty-two miles from Olathe, was reached. Here the young man abandoned the team on the street and boarded a north-bound train. Moll and the officer were close behind Rowe, and recovered the horses and buggy at Belton. They took the next train, and were just behind their man one train all the time.

Captain Jackson, of this city, received a telegram yesterday morning from Moll, giving a description of Rowe, and the charge against him. The officers on the force were immediately apprised, and a watch was immediately organized. Investigation of trains resulted futilely, for Rowe had left his train about the Fifth street depot and came down into town the back way, as it were. The conductor of the train and the peanutter hadn't noticed anybody answering Rowe's description. The police were nonplussed for the moment.

Then another telegram came during the afternoon, and Carnes and Shobe and others of the force were on the alert again. Their man was on the depot at the time, the officers were consulting. He must have known that they were suspicious of him, for he broke and ran up Osage into Main, then west to Kentucky where he returned to the railroad, Shobe and Carnes ran up the track, and Jackson and Mooney, who were going north on Main, joined in. Carnes borrowed a pony from a butcher boy, and captured the fleeing Rowe at Grand avenue, where in attempting to scale a wire fence, his clothes caught on a barb and detained him.

He was taken to the calaboose and searched, in his possession being found three valuable gold watches, two silver timepieces and about \$40 in money. He remained in the calaboose all night, and Moll and Cochrane, arriving at midnight, identified the young man. The Kansans, who had offered a reward for \$50, departed with their prisoner this morning, as stated, having before leaving, made arrangements for paying over the reward to the capturing party.

The watches were taken along, and it is believed that Rowe has been into some other mischief before he went into the horse-business.

BARRETT'S RED-LETTER CIRCUS.

An Unprecedented Assemblage of Noted Acrobats, Aerialists, Scotch Athletes, Arabian Heroes, and Japanese Marvels.

Manager Barrett will present some exceptionally novel and amazing acrobatic and aerial acts here, on Thursday May 26! George Zorilla and Emma Dubois—the \$10,000 challenge autocrats of the air—will perform thrilling feats on an elaborate arrangement of swinging trapeze rigging; the Ziegler brothers will enthrall the spectators with their incomparable acrobatic accomplishments; the Martell troupe of bicyclists will traverse slender wires on their two-wheeled vehicles at a dizzy height; the three Bryant sisters, the only lady acrobats in the world, will challenge the admiration of all; Master Albert, the wizard-like "human fly," will promenade with head downwards; the Caron brothers will give brilliant illustrations of athletic science; Zola, the human projectile, will be fired from a huge cannon and whirl through space; the Rice brothers will appear in astounding acrobatic revelations, and Madame Duval, the iron-jawed phenomenon, will perform electrifying feats of strength.

The above series of acts will be supplemented with the intrepid, marvelous and startling performances of manager Barrett's famous foreign reinforcements. Nubar Hassan's Original Arabian Circus, the Royal Yeddo Japanese troupe of jugglers, rope-walkers and wrestlers, and Donald McKenzie's combination of Scotch athletes and broad-sword combatants.

These numerous and dazzling features, together with the bareback riding, spectacular stage sensations, clown revels, grand international double-somersault leaping tournament, trained elephants, stallions, ponies, zebras, donkeys, dogs and pigs, classic hippodramatic sports, and realistic representations of life in the "Wild West," make up the colossal, bewildering and delightful circus programme.